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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/608,743

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Pho M Luu

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-50 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 51-85 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 6-50 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3-5 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 June 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>03/03/04</u> . | 6) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Search History</u> . |

DETAILED ACTION

Reply to Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of Group I, Claims 1-50 filed 26 October 2004 is acknowledged. The changes and remarks disclosed therein were considered.
2. Claims 51-85 have been canceled.
3. Claims 1-50 are pending in the application.

Information Disclosure Statement

4. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Form PTO-1449, filed 03 March 2004. The information disclosed therein was considered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ogawa. (US. 5,295,254).

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Regarding claim 1, Ogawa in Figure 1 and Figure 6 discloses a device (DRAM, Figure 1, see column 1, lines 10-13; Figure 6, column 3, lines 59-62) comprising:

a memory array (5UC, 5LC, a memory cell array at high and low cell array in Figure 6);

a first data path (7U such as bit line group constituting data transfer paths between 5UC and 61) connected to the memory array for transferring data at a first speed (see column 4, lines 2-5);

a second data path (7L such as bit line group constituting data transfer paths between 5LC and 62) connected to the memory array for transferring data at a second speed (see column 4, lines 6-9).

With respect to claim 2, Ogawa in Figure 6 disclosed the first and second data path is a bi-directional data path (transfer gate 8 are insert into the first data path 7U and second data path 7L, see column 4, lines 10-12).

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 3-5 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

8. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

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Regarding claim 3, the prior art of record do not disclose or suggest a strobe transceiver circuit connected to the first and second data path for transferring data.

9. Claims 6-50 is allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

There is no teaching or suggestion in the prior art to: "a plurality of strobe transceivers connected to the first and second data path for transferring data to the first and second at the first and second speed" as claimed in the independent claim 6; or

"a plurality write strobe transceivers connected to the first and second data paths for receiving data from the first data path in a test mode and for providing write strobe signals to the second data path in one of the test mode and a normal mode" as claimed in the independent claim 12; or

"a path selector connected between the memory array and the first and second bi-directional data paths for selecting one of the first and second bi-directional data paths for transferring data between the memory array and one of the first and second bi-directional data path" as claimed in the independent claim 26; or

"a third group of transceivers, each having an input circuit connected to the second data path and an output circuit connected to the second data path" as claimed in the independent claim 36; or

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"a plurality of transceiver connected to the first and second data paths" as claimed in the independent claim 45.


Conclusion

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Pho M. Luu whose telephone number is 571.272.1876. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00AM – 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's Supervisor, Richard Elms, can be reached on 571.272.1869. The official fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703.872.9306 for all official communications.

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